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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, WB
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEMARCHE OF GERMAN CHURCHES ON BEHALF OF HESS

1. FRENCH HAVE INFORMED US THAT BISHOP SCHARF, HEAD OF GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN BERLIN, INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES THAT HIS CHURCH AND THE CATHOLIC EPISCOPATE DESIRED TO MAKE JOINT DEMARCHE TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS OR AT LEAST AMELIORATION OF TERMS OF HIS CONFINEMENT.
2. AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES NOTED THAT IT WAS PRIMARILY SOVIETS WHOM CHURCHES HAD TO CONVINCE OF DESIRABILITY OF SUCH ACTION. BISHOP SCHARF AGREED BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN PRESENT CLIMATE OF DETENTE SOVIETS WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE GESTURE OF GOOD WILL. HE EXPLAINED CHURCHES INTENDED TO HAVE BISHOP KUNST ASK FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL RECOMMEND TO AMBASSADOR FALIN THAT SOVIETS HEED REPRESENTATIONS OF GERMAN CHURCHES. AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES IN TURN SUGGESTED TO BISHOP SCHARF THAT IF BONN WAS SYMPATHETIC FURTHER APPROACH BY BISHOP SHARF TO AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV IN EAST BERLIN MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED.
3. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS SCENARIO, BUT HAVE SUGGESTED TO FRENCH HERE THAT BISHOPS MIGHT BE ADVISED NOT TO GIVE
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IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THREE ALLIES.
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